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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JOSEPH KRAFT COLUMN OP-ED PAGE
WASHINGTON POST TUESDAY AUGUST 9 HEADED "TO WHAT AVAIL
OUR AFRICAN POLICY?"

2. THE COST OF THE AFRICAN POLICY NOW BEING PURSUED
BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS BEGINNING TO COME HOME. IT
ENTAILS AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR BLACK NATIONALISTS IN
VIOLENT CONFRONTATION WITH THE MINORITY WHITE REGIMES OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. BUT TO WHAT ADVANTAGE? THE EVIDENCE SO FAR SUGGESTS
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION STAND HAS RAISED BLACK HOPES AND
HARDENED WHITE RESISTANCE IN A WAY HARMFUL TO THIS
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COUNTRY'S ONLY SERIOUS INTEREST: A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION
OF THE STRUGGLE.

4. IN AFRICA, AS IN SO MANY OTHER PLACES, THE POLICY OF
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION DEFINES ITSELF BY BEING DIF-
FERENT FROM THAT OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND HENRY KISSINGER.
NIXON AND KISSINGER GAVE SHORT SHRIFT TO BLACK AFRICANS

AND SUPPORTED WHITE-MINORITY REGIMES IN THE PORTUGUESE
TERRITORIES AND IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

5. THAT SO-CALLED "TARBABY" POLICY REACHED A DEAD END WHEN THE PORTUGUESE ABANDONED ANGOLA. THE RUSH TO TAKE OVER ENDED IN A BATTLE BETWEEN ONE ANGOLAN FACTION, BACKED BY THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND ANOTHER FACTION, BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA. THE COMMUNIST SUPPORTED FACTION WON, LEAVING THE UNITED STATES NAKEDLY EXPOSED AS AN ALLY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES IN WHAT WAS--FOR THE LONG RUN--A LOSING CAUSE.

6. SECRETARY KISSINGER DREW THE LESSON AND MOVED RAPIDLY TO SWITCH THE AMERICAN STANCE. HE PUT PRESSURE ON PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH OF RHODESIA TO ACCEPT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA.

7. THAT PRINCIPLE WON ACCEPTANCE FROM RHODESIAN BLACK NATIONALISTS, THE NEIGHBORING BLACK GOVERNMENTS AND THE SEGREGATIONIST REGIME OF PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER IN SOUTH AFRICA. THUS WASHINGTON, WITHOUT BEING IN CONFRONTATION WITH EITHER RHODESIA OR SOUTH AFRICA, MADE A TRANSIT TO SUPPORT FOR BLACK-MAJORITY RULE.

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8. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS THICKENED THE COMMITMENT IN SEVERAL WAYS. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS LEADING SUBORDINATES--NOTABLY UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG--HAVE GIVEN RHETORICAL EXPRESSION TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT SUPPORT FOR BLACK-MAJORITY RULE IN AFRICA IS A TEST OF THE MORALITY OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

9. THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, IN SESSIONS WITH BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER DAVID OWEN, HAVE INCREASED PRESSURE ON SMITH OF RHODESIA TO MOVE RAPIDLY TOWARD MAJORITY RULE. VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE, IN A MEETING WITH VORSTER IN VIENNA, MADE IT PLAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES EXPECTED SOUTH AFRICA, AS WELL AS RHODESIA, TO BEGIN MOVING TOWARD MAJORITY RULE.

10. THE REACTION OF THE WHITE REGIMES HAS BEEN TO DIG IN AGAINST THE PRESSURE. SMITH HAS LONG SINCE RENEGED ON HIS DEAL WITH KISSINGER. HE IS NOW CALLING NEW ELECTIONS FOR A MANDATE THAT WOULD MAINTAIN WHITE RULE INDEFINITELY IN RHODESIA.

11. VORSTER, IN A SPEECH LAST SATURDAY, SERVED NOTICE THAT

HE WOULD NO LONGER BE AN INSTRUMENT FOR APPLYING PRESSURE
ON SMITH TO BE REASONABLE. VORSTER SAID AMERICAN POLICY

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS FOLLOWING A COURSE THAT "CAN LEAD
ONLY TO ONE THING: CHAOS AND ANARCHY."

12. AFRICAN BLACKS HAVE INEVITABLY HAD THEIR HOPES RAISED
BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THE LEADING NATIONALIST
MOVEMENTS IN RHODESIA HAVE STOPPED NEGOTIATING WITH SMITH
AND MOVED TOWARD GUERRILLA WAR. THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORT-
ED IN THAT POSTURE BY THE HEADS OF THE NEIGHBORING BLACK
GOVERNMENTS. THEIR POSITION WAS SPELLED OUT WITH UN-
MISTAKABLE CLARITY BY PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE OF TAN-
ZANIA DURING A VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY LAST WEEK.
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13. AFTER TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE WHITE HOUSE,
PRESIDENT NYERERE SAID HE FOUND CARTER WILLING "TO PUT ON
WHATEVER PRESSURES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT
MAJORITY RULE." THE TANZANIAN PRESIDENT, WHO IS PERHAPS
THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS LEADER IN AFRICA, SAID: "FRANKLY,
WE HAVE TO ESCALATE THE WAR AND WE HOPE THEN, IF PRESI-
DENT CARTER AND HIS ALLIES CAN ESCALATE THEIR OWN PRES-
SURES, THESE TWO ESCALATIONS WILL SHORTEN THE STRUGGLE."

14. IN OTHER WORDS, A BIG SMASHUP IS IN THE WORKS. THE
UNITED STATES HAS ALIGNED ITSELF WITH THE SIDE THAT IS

MORALLY RIGHT AND THAT WILL SURELY PREVAIL IN THE END.
BUT HOW MUCH IS THE AMERICAN INTEREST SERVED BY GETTING
IN THE MIDDLE AND CATCHING THE BLAME FOR THE TROUBLE
AHEAD? WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO STAND SLIGHTLY ALOOF,
AND BE IN POSITION TO HELP PICK UP THE PIECES AFTER EVERY-
THING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA GOES SMASH? CHRISTOPHER

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